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SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.

Rules for the Guidance of Persons intending to travel in the Somaliland Protectorate for Sporting or other Purposes.

General Provisions.

1. NO shooting, exploring, or other party is allowed to enter the Protectorate without the previous permission of the Consul-General, to whom timely application should be made in writing, stating the proposed time, scope, duration, and object of the tour.

Game Licences.

2. (*a.*) Under "The Somaliland Game Regulations, 1901," visitors travelling for the purpose of sport are required to take out a sportsman's licence, for which a fee of 50 0 rupees is charged.

(*b.*) Exception is made in the case of military officers of the Aden garrison, to whom a limited number of "public officers' licences" may be issued on payment of a fee of 100 rupees. It is also provided that a "public officers' licence" may be granted for a single period of fourteen consecutive days in one year on payment of a fee of 30 rupees.

(*c.*) A copy of the Game Regulations may be seen at Messrs. Cowasjee, Dinshaw's, Aden, and may be obtained on application to the Foreign Office or to the Protectorate authorities.

Customs Duty.

3. An import duty of 7 per cent. *ad valorem* is charged on all stores and provisions imported, with the exception of *bonâ fide* wearing apparel and articles of personal use, which are passed free.

Guns and Ammunition.

4. All consignments of arms and ammunition must be preceded, at least a week before the arrival of such consignments, by a declaration signed by their owners and addressed to the agents of the latter in Aden, of the number and description of arms and ammunition, and also by a copy of the permission accorded them to enter the Protectorate, failing which, the said arms and ammunition are liable to be overcarried,

as, under the provisions of the Indian Arms Act and the Explosives Act, the Aden authorities will be unable to grant a licence for their import or transhipment.

5. (*a.*) "The Somaliland Fire-arms Regulations, 1899," provide that:—

(i.) All fire-arms and ammunition must be imported either at Zeyla or Berbera, and at no other place in the Protectorate.

(ii.) They must be deposited in the Customs warehouse, and cannot be withdrawn without a permit in writing signed by Consular officer.

(iii.) Previous to withdrawal they must be stamped and registered.

(*b.*) Forms of application for game licences and for permits of withdrawal may be previously obtained and filled in at Messrs. Cowasjee, Dinshaw's, Aden.

Escort and Followers.

6. (*a.*) Every party intending to travel in the interior is required to take an escort in sufficient number, and so armed as to satisfy the Consul-General, according to the district to be visited.

(*b.*) Arms and ammunition for escorts must be provided by the parties themselves; none can be lent by the Administration.

7. Each caravan must be under a Headman. A list of Headmen, at present qualified, is given in Schedule I annexed hereto, and none but men entered on this list, or who may hereafter be added thereto by the Consul-General, will be permitted to accompany parties in that capacity.

8. Men composing the escort, personal servants, and other followers, may be selected by the traveller, but must be approved and registered by the Consular officer of the district in which they are engaged, and the provisions of "The Native Labour Regulations, 1901," shall be complied with in all respects. Copies of these regulations can be obtained from Messrs. Cowasjee, Dinshaw.

9. To prevent imposture and disappointment, visitors are recommended to engage their servants and followers locally in consultation with the local officials, who will be competent to advise them in their selection.

Schedule II, annexed hereto, gives the recognized scale of wages.

Miscellaneous.

10. There is no desire to make hampering conditions, but it is evident that the molestation of British subjects travelling in the interior would be most injurious to Great Britain's position in Somaliland, and the necessary precautions must be taken with this view:

(i.) A thorn zariba should, where possible, be made round the camp.

(ii.) Night watch should be strictly kept.

(iii.) Interference in tribal disputes must be avoided. When travellers find themselves at a distance from the coast in the vicinity of tribes between whom an affray appears imminent, they should confine their action to advising the parties to keep the peace and to send deputations to the nearest Protectorate official, to whom a report in the matter should at once be made.

11. The giving of fire-arms and ammunition to natives is strictly forbidden.

12. It is essential that information as to the whereabouts and welfare of any party should be communicated to the District Officer not less frequently than once a-fortnight.

13. Travellers must make their own arrangements for supplies, camels, ponies, &c. This cannot be done by the local officials, though the latter will be glad to assist with

advice as far as possible. Travellers are also reminded that they must make their own arrangements for the safe custody of any money they may leave behind them at the coast towns, for the payments of any cheques they may draw thereon, and for the keeping of their accounts, in which matters the Protectorate officials are forbidden to interfere.

Messrs. Cowasjee, Dinshaw, and Brothers have an agent in Berbera who will receive deposits and act as a general agent for touring parties.

14. As there are no hotels or rest-houses at either Zeyla or Berbera, visitors should be prepared to camp out in tents during their stay on the coast. A camping ground is set apart for this purpose.

Berbera, January 1, 1902.

SCHEDULE I.

List of Qualified Headmen.

Ali Kaar	Habr Toljaala, Adan Madoba.
Ahmed Warsama	,, ,,
Egeh Naleya	Habr Yunus, Musa Arreh.
Mohamad Hirsi	Habr Toljaala, Sambur.
Adan Yusuf	Dolbahanta, Ba-Arsama.
Abdi Adan	Habr Yunus, Musa Arreh.
Abdi Atteya	,, ,,
Robleh Awaleh	,, Musa Ismail.
Jama Yusuf	,, Saad Yunus.
Aysa Osman	Habr Toljaala, Adan Madoba.
Abi Yusuf	Habr Yunus, Musa Arreh.
Elmi Hirsi	,, ,,
Nur Adan	Habr Toljaala, Adan Madoba.
Ali Nur	,, Yusuf Robleh.

SCHEDULE II.

Scale of Wages (per Mensem).

	Rupees.		Rupees,
Headman	35 to 45	Camelman	15
1st Shikari	35 to 45	Cook	20 to 30
2nd ,, ...	25 to 35	Syce	12
Personal servant.. ..	25 to 35	Donkey-boy	10

N.B.—The higher rate of wages covers an expedition within, but not beyond, the Protectorate.

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